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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies the above-identified application which is a Continuation-in-Part of parent U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/709,221 filed September 3, 1996 and which now stands rejected based on the Office Action made final of April 28, 1998. The period of response continues to run three (3) months from the date of the final rejection. This Preliminary Amendment also accompanies a Petition and Fee for Extension of Time (37 CFR 1.136(a)) for Serial No. 08/709,221 so that this Preliminary Amendment and this Continuation-in-Part application may be entered.